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MEDIA RELEASE

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Limited Contact at KCSO Lobby

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: Due to an abundance of caution for both our staff and the citizens of Kootenai County, we will be limiting our operations at the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office lobby.

Effective immediately, **we are still open** and conducting business. However, we will no longer be processing fingerprints at this time (which includes our citizens completing their Concealed Carry Permits). Additionally, we will be limiting the number of individuals in our lobby to three at a time. However, we will continue to process animal citations, dog licensing and records requests.

This measure is only temporary and you will be notified when the restriction has been lifted. If you need to file a police report please call 208-446-1300.

Below you will find a list of all other closures and schedule changes of organizations within Kootenai County.

Kootenai County

- DMV - By appointment only; no change in office hours (8:30 - 5pm, M-F)
- Assessor's Office - Will be moving to appointment only (they are thinking tomorrow but have not given the final word); Call 446-1500 for appt. times (9am - 5pm, M-F)
- Treasurer's Office - Same as Assessor's Office - Call 446-1005 for appt. time (office hours 9am - 5pm, M-F)

**Doors in DMV are not locked; Assessor & Treasurer will be locking their doors to the public.*

City of Coeur d'Alene

***Please note: The Police Department is temporarily suspending finger-printing services. Please visit www.cdapolice.org for additional information.*

- The City of Cd'A has closed the Public Library until further notice with guidance of the Panhandle Health District.
- The St. Patrick's Day event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce:
- Recreation activities at School District #271 facilities
- The Kroc Center has announced an Emergency Operations Plan with no public or member access.
- Region 1 Homeless Coalition Meeting that was scheduled for March 27, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., has been canceled.
- The Prescribed Burn on Tubbs Hill, scheduled for April, has been canceled.
- The Historic Preservation Commission meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020 has been canceled.

City of Post Falls

- Cancelling all recreational programs and youth sports through May 8th
- The following events have been cancelled to 6/15/20...
Annual Tree Give-Away, Easter Egg Hunt on 4/11/20, Opening of Black Bay Depot on 4/22/20, Volleyball Tournament on 4/26/20, Downtown for a Day on 5/16/20, Memorial Day Services on 5/25/20 and the Post Falls Fishing Derby on 6/13/20.

City of Rathdrum

- At this time City Hall will remain open for the public, however in an effort to minimize transmitting the COVID-19 virus we encourage members of the public to call City Hall for any questions, use the drop off box and online payment process to pay for utility bills.
- In the Parks and Rec Department all activities have been postponed or cancelled. All activities that have been postponed will be re-evaluated as of April 6. Activities that have been cancelled we are issuing a full refund. We will not be taking park reservations and all bathrooms are closed at the parks.
- Protecting the health and safety of our citizens is one of our highest priorities. In doing so, Rathdrum Police Department will be temporarily changing how we respond to calls for service. Our department will be handling non-emergency calls over the phone rather than in person. Our police officers will continue to respond in person to in-progress and emergencies calls. Fingerprinting at the PD will be temporarily discontinued until further notice.

City of Hayden

- The Coeur d'Alene School District has suspended all outside groups from using its gyms and facilities, which means the remainder of the youth basketball season has been canceled, so there will be no practices or games. Since most the season has been played, no refunds will be issued.

- Youth Volleyball and Soccer Parent/Coaches Meetings have been canceled. Information (rosters, game schedules, etc.) for both programs will be posted on our website. Parents and coaches will be notified by email when those are available.
- Youth Volleyball – The start date has been postponed until after Spring Break. We will continue to monitor the situation and inform parents and coaches of any new start dates or cancellations by email.
- Youth Soccer – At this time the start date remains April 11. We will continue to monitor and keep parents informed of postponements or cancellations by email.
- Women’s Basketball – Registrations will continue to be taken, and at this time the start date remains early-mid April. We will continue to monitor and inform participants of any changes by email.
- Open Gym Volleyball, Adult Dance, and Pickleball are suspended until further notice.
- If youth sports programs are canceled, refunds will be issued at that time. We are hopeful that the measures being taken to prevent the spread of this virus will allow us to postpone and still be able to conduct our programs at later times.

City of Spirit Lake

- City Hall is taking the needed measures to protect our citizens, customers, and staff. To minimize direct contact, we have installed a glass barrier at the Deputy Clerk’s counter. If you need to make a payment, we advise limiting the in-office visits and suggest using the drop-box, online payment, or phone payment options. Please call if you have questions. 208-623-2131

City of Athol

- Due to the nature of this pandemic, our office will no longer conduct face-to-face interactions with our customers. We will have the following temporary business hours to take water payments or any questions you have through phone or email only: 208-683-2101 or cityclerk@cityofathol.us This will help minimize risks & keep our citizens and staff safe.
- Effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, we will be open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by phone and closed on Fridays. We will reassess this weekly. The Community Center Building/ City Hall is Closed to the public. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

City of Dalton Gardens

- All meetings, trainings, public hearings, and gatherings are cancelled at this time.

State Offices

Fish and Game:

- Canceling public access to hatcheries (does not apply to public fishing areas adjacent to hatcheries)
- Canceling Hunter Education classes and offering online Hunter Education certification with the field day requirement waived
- Canceling Take Me Fishing Trailer events, and the fishing rod loaner program
- Canceling any meetings at Fish and Game offices that include the public, such as sporting groups, or other scheduled meetings or events
- Closing the Morrison Knudsen Nature Center in Boise to the public for educational events and tours. Public access to the Nature Center building for license buying will continue, and the outside grounds at the center will remain open to the public.
- Canceling the annual Fish and Game fur auction

School Districts:

- CdA School District Closed till 4/6
- Post Falls School District Closed till 4/6
- Lakeland School District Closed till 4/6
- Kootenai School District Closed till 4/6

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